



Mr. Vinod Sagi is the winner of the May 2008 WL Beautification Award. He was selected for this award in honor of his outstanding work to plant street trees in Amberleigh Village. Mr. Sagi organized and educated his neighbors by going door-to-door with educational materials about appropriate types of trees and signed neighbors up to receive trees. In addition, he worked with WL Greenspace Administrator, Beverly Shaw, to mark the planting sites, made adjustments with home owners and assured that each tree was actually installed. Seventy percent of his neighbors chose to participate in the project and about 150 street trees have been planted in Amberleigh Village.

The project was paid for by the city of West Lafayette but, according to Ms. Shaw, “Mr. Sagi did the lion’s share of work, saved city staff many hours, and has made a real difference to his neighborhood and the urban forest.”

Now Mr. Sagi is educating his Amberleigh Village neighbors on when to water and remove tree stakes. In the past he has been a leader in reforesting woods and residential areas in India. He will continue to participate in reforesting of the new housing development in Prophet’s Ridge.

The enthusiasm, knowledge, hard work and perseverance demonstrated by Vinod Sagi are much appreciated.